

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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**Comments:**

I am highly disappointed in the Sandoval County Commission in regard of the wildlife ordinance. The ordinance was voted down on March 22nd 2023 and was then placed back on the agenda the next meeting. Prior to the April 12th meeting, the ordinance was not provided for the people or the commissioners. This violates procedure and I hope someone is filing a complaint. Procedures are put in place for a reason and this commission should follow procedures. I am also disappointed that Commissioner Bruch continues to deny her constituents a public forum to discuss this issue. It is apparently a very sensitive issue but these are the issues we must be willing to sit down and have the grown up discussions about. This shows a lack of leadership. I also found it very telling that the Assistant Manager was used as the deliverer of Bruch's ordinance. I have watched other counties and the commissioners that sponsor or instigate the ordinance present it. This is very troubling on many levels when we see a coordinated effort by the management to collude with a particular commissioner on an unpopular ordinance. This further undermines the citizens ability to trust management. As for the horses, I am against the ban on feeding "wildlife". I owned a ranch for over 40 years and used horses to work on the ranch. They are majestic and noble creatures that deserve respect and consideration. There have been proposals to place gates and cattle guards that actually seem cost effective and reasonable. Commissioner Block pointed out that the horses have been there longer than the people who have moved in, taking over the horses range. He states it has been public knowledge that the horses are there. The people that have chosen to move into horse country bear the burden to live in harmony with nature not the other way around. I believe a solution that works for all can be reached but it will not be reached when the commission disregards procedural rules and is unwilling to sit down with all sides.